

The Lewisburg City Council met for their regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Tuesday May 14, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., at Lewisburg City Hall, 131 E. Church Street, Lewisburg Tennessee.

Those present and attending were Mayor Jim Bingham, Councilmen, Joe Bradford, Vickie Michael, Tommy G. Burns and Patty Parsons, City Manager Bam Haislip, City Recorder Georgina Jones, and City Attorney Thomas Hutto. Also, present Mr. David E. Perka to be seated as Councilman after the Oath of Office Swearing.

Mayor Bingham called the meeting to order, welcoming all in attendance.

The Invocation was given by Pastor Steven Davenport from Destiny Church and Captain Lonny Cook led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance at the opening of Council meeting.

Item 1. Announcements/Presentations:

1. Induction of Mr. David E. Perka into Office of Ward 3 Councilman.
2. Mayor Jim Bingham presented appreciation certificates to retiree Mr. Donald Green for 21 years of service with the Lewisburg Recreation Center.

Item 2. Citizen Input:

1. Emily Lopez 420 Haynes Street, Lewisburg, TN 37091 spoke as an advocate for Harmon Park community involvement and improvements.
2. Eddie Wiles (Chairman of Industrial Development Board) 540 Joyce Ave, Lewisburg, TN 37091 spoke on behalf of the Board's recommendation to Council of Mr. Pete Brown to be appointed to the Industrial Development Board as a member, due to a vacant seat opening upon Council's approval.
3. Ronald Robinson 623 Franklin Ave, Lewisburg, TN 37091 spoke to Council about the appointment process of Ward 3 Councilman.

Item 3. Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by Councilman Parsons, seconded by Councilman Bradford to approve the minutes for the month of April 9th, 2024.

Upon a roll call vote:

Councilman Burns - Aye
Councilman Parsons - Aye
Councilman Perka - Aye
Councilman Bradford - Aye
Councilman Michael - Aye

Motion passes 5-0

Item 4. Approval of Bills and Financial Statement:

Motion made by Councilman Parsons, seconded by Councilman Michael to approve the April 2024 bills and the March 2024 financial statement.

Upon a roll call vote:

Councilman Burns - Aye
Councilman Parsons - Aye
Councilman Perka - Aye
Councilman Bradford - Aye
Councilman Michael - Aye

Motion passes 5-0

Item 5. Old Business: None

Item 6. New Business:

- a. Consider approval of Resolution 24-17, to enter into an agreement with Schultz Engineering Group to conduct a facilities audit at the Lewisburg Recreation Center to determine equipment needed for air quality. The cost covered by the ARPA funds designated for the dehumidification system.**

Motion was made by Councilman Michael and seconded by Councilman Parsons to approve Resolution 24-17, a Resolution to enter into an agreement with Schultz Engineering Group to conduct a facilities audit at the Lewisburg Recreation Center.

Discussion ensued.

Upon a roll call vote:

Councilman Burns - Nay
Councilman Parsons - Aye
Councilman Perka - Aye
Councilman Bradford - Aye
Councilman Michael - Aye

Motion passes 4-1

- b. Consider approval of Resolution 24-18, a Resolution to approve Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System (TCRS) to run prior service study for employees hired before April 1, 2024, that are eligible to participate in the TCRS.**

Motion was made by Councilman Parsons and seconded by Councilman Michael to approve Resolution 24-18, a Resolution to approve a service study for employees hired before April 1, 2024, and that are eligible to participate in the TCRS.

Upon a roll call vote:

Councilman Burns - Aye
Councilman Parsons - Aye
Councilman Perka - Aye
Councilman Bradford - Aye
Councilman Michael - Aye

Motion passes 5-0

- c. Consider approval of Resolution 24-19, a Resolution to approve Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) new contract terms for the East Church Street Bridge project and a local grant match of \$22,200.00 dollars.**

Motion was made by Councilman Bradford and seconded by Councilman Perka to approve Resolution 24-19, a Resolution to agree to new contract terms and a local grant of \$22,200 dollars for East Church Street Bridge.

Upon a roll call vote:

Councilman Burns - Aye
Councilman Parsons - Aye
Councilman Perka - Aye
Councilman Bradford - Aye
Councilman Michael - Aye

Motion passes 5-0

- d. Consider approval of Resolution 24-20, a Resolution to adopt the 2023 Hazard Mitigation Plan that FEMA has approved, which will make the City of Lewisburg eligible for pre-disaster and post-disaster federal funding.**

Motion was made by Councilman Parsons and seconded by Councilman Perka to approve Resolution 24-20, a Resolution to adopt the 2023 Hazard Mitigation Plan that FEMA has approved, which make the City of Lewisburg eligible for pre-disaster and post-disaster federal funding.

Upon a roll call vote:

Councilman Burns - Aye
Councilman Parsons - Aye
Councilman Perka - Aye
Councilman Bradford - Aye
Councilman Michael - Aye

Motion passes 5-0

- e. **Consider approval of Resolution 24-21, a Resolution to authorize the Mayor to grant an Easement Deed on two tracts of land (Tax Map 063K Grp A, Parcel 010.00-RB 2233, PG 137 and Tax Map 063K, Grp A, Parcel 011.00-RB 275, PG 270) owned by the City of Lewisburg to United Communication. This property is located around the West-Side Fire Station.**

Motion was made by Councilman Parsons and seconded by Councilman Bradford to approve Resolution 24-21, a Resolution to authorize the Mayor to grant an Easement Deed on two tracts of land (Tax Map 063K Grp A, Parcel 010.00-RB 2233, PG 137 and Tax Map 063K, Grp A, Parcel 011.00-RB 275, PG 270) owned by the City of Lewisburg to United Communication. This property is located around the West-Side Fire Station.

Upon a roll call vote:

Councilman Burns - Aye
Councilman Parsons - Aye
Councilman Perka - Aye
Councilman Bradford - Aye
Councilman Michael - Aye

Motion passes 5-0

- f. **Consider approval of 1st reading of Ordinance 24-07, an Ordinance amending Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget (Amendment #3) appropriating \$22,200.00 dollars for local grant match to Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) for the East Church Street Bridge Project.**

Motion was made by Councilman Bradford and seconded by Councilman Michael to approve 1st reading of Ordinance 24-07, an Ordinance amending Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget (Amendment #3) appropriating \$22,200.00 dollars for local grant match to Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) for the East Church Street Bridge Project.

Upon a roll call vote:

Councilman Burns - Aye
Councilman Parsons - Aye
Councilman Perka - Aye
Councilman Bradford - Aye
Councilman Michael - Aye

Motion passes 5-0

- g. **Consider approval of 1st reading of Ordinance 24-08, an Ordinance to change the minimum lot size for R-3 Zoning (High-Density Residential) from 7,500 sq. ft. to 9,000 sq. ft. recommended from the Planning and Zoning Commission.**

Motion was made by Councilman Michael and seconded by Councilman Perka to approve 1st reading of Ordinance 24-08, an Ordinance to change the minimum lot size for R-3 Zoning (High-Density Residential) from 7,500 sq. ft. to 9,000 sq. ft. recommended from the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Upon a roll call vote:

Councilman Burns - Aye
Councilman Parsons - Aye
Councilman Perka - Aye
Councilman Bradford - Aye
Councilman Michael - Aye

Motion passes 5-0

- h. Consider approval of 1st reading of Ordinance 24-09, an Ordinance to amend TITLE 7, CHAPTER 2, SECTION 7-201 by adopting the 2021 Fire Code and 7-208 with amendments to the language, with addition of SECTION 7-209 Permit and Fees Schedule.**

Motion was made by Councilman Parsons and seconded by Councilman Bradford to approve 1st reading of Ordinance 24-09, an Ordinance to amend TITLE 7, CHAPTER 2, SECTION 7-201 by adopting the 2021 Fire Code and 7-208 with amendments to the language, with addition of SECTION 7-209 Permit and Fees Schedule.

Upon a roll call vote:

Councilman Burns - Aye
Councilman Parsons - Aye
Councilman Perka - Aye
Councilman Bradford - Aye
Councilman Michael - Aye

Motion passes 5-0

- i. Consider approval to appoint Councilman Joe Bradford to the Lewisburg Water & Wastewater Board for term of office by recommendation of Mayor Jim Bingham.**

Motion was made by Councilman Michael and seconded by Councilman Parsons to approve the appointment of Councilman Joe Bradford to the Lewisburg Water & Wastewater Board for term of office by recommendation of Mayor Jim Bingham.

Upon a roll call vote:

Councilman Burns - Aye
Councilman Parsons - Aye
Councilman Perka - Aye
Councilman Bradford - Abstain
Councilman Michael - Aye

Motion passes 4-0 and 1 abstention

- j. Consider approval to appoint Pete Brown to the Industrial Development Board (IDB) for a 6-year term by recommendation of Councilman Michael.**

Motion was made by Councilman Michael and seconded by Councilman Parsons to approve the appointment of Pete Brown to the Industrial Development Board for 6-year term by recommendation of Councilman Michael.

Discussion ensued.

Upon a roll call vote:

Councilman Burns - Nay
Councilman Parsons - Aye
Councilman Perka - Nay
Councilman Bradford - Nay
Councilman Michael - Aye

Motion failed 3-2

- k. Consider approval to reappoint Randy Belote to the Community Development Board (CDB) for a 3-year term by recommendation of Mayor Jim Bingham.**

Motion was made by Councilman Parsons and seconded by Councilman Bradford to approve the reappointment of Randy Belote to the Community Development Board (CDB) for a 3-year term by recommendation of Mayor Jim Bingham.

Discussion ensued.

Upon a roll call vote:

Councilman Burns - Aye
Councilman Parsons - Aye
Councilman Perka - Aye
Councilman Bradford - Aye
Councilman Michael - Aye

Motion passes 5-0

- l. Consider approval to reappoint Quinn Stewart to the Lewisburg Gas Board for a 4-year term by recommendation of Mayor Jim Bingham.**

Motion was made by Councilman Burns and seconded by Councilman Parsons to approve the reappointment of Quinn Stewart to the Lewisburg Gas Board for a 4-year term by recommendation of Mayor Jim Bingham.

Discussion ensued.

Upon a roll call vote:

Councilman Burns - Aye
Councilman Parsons - Aye
Councilman Perka - Nay
Councilman Bradford - Nay
Councilman Michael - Aye

Motion passes 3-2

- m. Consider approval to reappoint Robin Minor to the Historic Zoning Commission for a 5-year term by recommendation of Mayor Jim Bingham.**

Motion was made by Councilman Bradford and seconded by Councilman Parsons to approve the reappointment of Robin Minor to the Historic Zoning Commission for a 5-year term by recommendation of Mayor Jim Bingham.

Upon a roll call vote:

Councilman Burns - Aye
Councilman Parsons - Aye
Councilman Perka - Aye
Councilman Bradford - Aye
Councilman Michael - Aye

Motion passes 5-0

- n. Consider approval to reappoint Barbara Woods to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a 3-year term by recommendation of Mayor Jim Bingham.**

Motion was made by Councilman Burns and seconded by Councilman Parsons to approve the reappointment of Barbara Woods to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a 3-year term by recommendation of Mayor Jim Bingham.

Discussion ensued.

Upon a roll call vote:

Councilman Burns - Aye
Councilman Parsons - Aye
Councilman Perka - Aye
Councilman Bradford - Aye
Councilman Michael - Aye

Motion passes 5-0

- o. Consider approval to reappoint Eddie Tears to the Lewisburg Electric Board for a 4-year term by recommendation of Mayor Jim Bingham.**

Motion was made by Councilman Burns and seconded by Councilman Michael to approve the reappointment of Eddie Tears to the Lewisburg Electric Board for a 4-year term by recommendation of Mayor Jim Bingham.

Discussion ensued.

Upon a roll call vote:

Councilman Burns - Aye
Councilman Parsons - Aye
Councilman Perka - Aye
Councilman Bradford - Aye
Councilman Michael - Aye

Motion passes 5-0

p. Consider approval to reappoint Joe Harris to the Lewisburg Water & Wastewater Board for a 2-year term by recommendation of Mayor Jim Bingham.

Motion was made by Councilman Burns and seconded by Councilman Parsons to approve the reappointment of Joe Harris to the Lewisburg Water & Wastewater Board for a 2-year term by recommendation of Mayor Jim Bingham.

Upon a roll call vote:

Councilman Burns - Aye
Councilman Parsons - Aye
Councilman Perka - Aye
Councilman Bradford - Aye
Councilman Michael - Aye

Motion passes 5-0

q. Consider approval to reappoint Julie Johnson to the Zoning Appeals Board for a 3-year term by recommendation of Mayor Jim Bingham.

Motion was made by Councilman Parsons and seconded by Councilman Michael to approve the reappointment of Julie Johnson to the Zoning Appeals Board for a 3-year term by recommendation of Mayor Jim Bingham.

Upon a roll call vote:

Councilman Burns - Aye
Councilman Parsons - Aye
Councilman Perka - Aye
Councilman Bradford - Aye
Councilman Michael - Aye

Motion passes 5-0

r. Consider approval to reappoint Bob Phillips to the Zoning Appeals Board for a 2-year term by recommendation of Mayor Jim Bingham.

Motion was made by Councilman Parsons and seconded by Councilman Michael to approve the reappointment of Bob Phillips to the Zoning Appeals Board for a 2-year term by recommendation of Mayor Jim Bingham.

Discussion ensued.

Upon a roll call vote:

Councilman Burns - Nay
Councilman Parsons - Aye
Councilman Perka - Nay
Councilman Bradford - Aye
Councilman Michael - Aye

Motion passes 3-2

s. Consider approval to reappoint Elinor Foster to the Stormwater Board of Appeals for a 1-year term by recommendation of Mayor Jim Bingham.

Motion was made by Councilman Parsons and seconded by Councilman Michael to approve the reappointment of Elinor Foster to the Stormwater Board of Appeals for a 1-year term by recommendation of Mayor Jim Bingham.

Upon a roll call vote:

Councilman Burns - Aye
Councilman Parsons - Aye
Councilman Perka - Aye
Councilman Bradford - Aye
Councilman Michael - Aye

Motion passes 5-0

t. Consider approval to reappoint Carl Warren to the Stormwater Board of Appeals for a 3-year term by recommendation of Mayor Jim Bingham.

Motion was made by Councilman Bradford and seconded by Councilman Perka to approve the reappointment of Carl Warren to the Stormwater Board of Appeals for a 3-year term by recommendation of Mayor Jim Bingham.

Upon a roll call vote:

Councilman Burns - Aye
Councilman Parsons - Aye
Councilman Perka - Aye
Councilman Bradford - Aye
Councilman Michael - Aye

Motion passes 5-0

u. Consider approval to reappoint Lisa Jackson to the "Tree City USA" Committee for a 2-year term by recommendation of Mayor Jim Bingham.

Motion was made by Councilman Parsons and seconded by Councilman Michael to approve the reappointment of Lisa Jackson to the "Tree City USA" Committee for a 2-year term by recommendation of Mayor Jim Bingham.

Upon a roll call vote:

Councilman Burns - Aye
Councilman Parsons - Aye
Councilman Perka - Aye
Councilman Bradford - Aye
Councilman Michael - Aye

Motion passes 5-0

v. Consider approval to reappoint Cheryl Taylor to the "Tree City USA" Committee for a 2-year term by recommendation of Mayor Jim Bingham.

Motion was made by Councilman Parsons and seconded by Councilman Perka to approve the reappointment of Cheryl Taylor to the "Tree City USA" Committee for a 2-year term by recommendation of Mayor Jim Bingham.

Upon a roll call vote:

Councilman Burns - Aye
Councilman Parsons - Aye
Councilman Perka - Aye
Councilman Bradford - Aye
Councilman Michael - Aye

Motion passes 5-0

w. Consider approval to reappoint Scott Vernon to the "Tree City USA" Committee for a 2-year term by recommendation of Mayor Jim Bingham.

Motion was made by Councilman Burns and seconded by Councilman Parsons to approve the reappointment of Scott Vernon to the "Tree City USA" Committee for a 2-year term by recommendation of Mayor Jim Bingham.

Upon a roll call vote:

Councilman Burns - Aye
Councilman Parsons - Aye
Councilman Perka - Aye
Councilman Bradford - Aye
Councilman Michael - Aye

Motion passes 5-0

x. Discussion training opportunities for employees.

Discussion only for training opportunities for employees and no vote was taken on this item.

Item 7. Other Business:

a. City Manager Report - Roy "Bam" Haislip

- Inquiries of interest in the Marelli building which has over 58,088 sq. ft. and includes some office space.
- Lot of projects for Planning & Code Department. St. Johns Engineering is still reviewing all plans for Planning and Codes department.
- The City of Lewisburg is still advertising for the Director of Planning & Codes position.

b. Directors Reports: reports were given by the following departments directors, Finance-City Treasurer, Recreation, Police, Public Works, Fire, and Airport.

c. Any other additional business or announcements:

City Attorney Thomas Hutto reporting updates on legislative laws passed.

Councilman Bradford commented on the process of filling Ward 3 Councilman vacancy.

d. Motion to adjourn.

There being no further business to come before the Council at the regular monthly meeting, a motion to adjourn made at 7:30 p.m. by Councilman Parsons, seconded by Councilman Bradford.

Upon a roll call vote:

Councilman Burns - Aye
Councilman Parsons - Aye
Councilman Perka - Aye
Councilman Bradford - Aye
Councilman Michael - Aye

Motion passes 5-0

Jim Bingham, Mayor

Attest: Georgina L. Jones,
City Recorder